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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OPINION OF THE BOARD

This application by G. B. New England 2, LLC seeks a special permit to construct a CVS drugstore at the subject address. The property has been the site for an automobile dealer and a small office building (formerly a residence) for many years. The applicant originally proposed to construct a 12,900-square-foot retail store on a part of the site that did not include the former residence at 821 Mass. Ave., known as the Atwood House. Prior to the public hearing, the applicant notified the Town that it wished to modify its proposal. It had arranged to include the property on which the Atwood house is located. It now proposed to demolish both buildings, construct the same CVS drug store, and construct an automated bank teller machine in a freestanding, 70-square-foot building. The applicant requested more time to modify its application. Accordingly, the hearing scheduled for October 20, 2008 was opened and immediately continued to November 17, 2008 with no discussion of the project. The hearing was advertised in the Arlington Advocate on October 2 and October 9, 2008.

When it was questioned if the drive-thru pharmacy could be permitted, the Inspector of Buildings determined that the proposed drive-thru for the pharmacy could be permitted as use number 8.17, which requires a special permit. The public hearing for that special permit use was advertised in the Arlington Advocate on December 4 and December 11, 2008, and scheduled for December 22, 2008 which coincided with the continuation date (from November17, 2008) for the original permit application. Subsequently, hearings have been held for all proposed uses on January 26, 2009, February 23, 2009, March 9, 2009. Mar 30, 2009, April 6, 2009, and April 13, 2009.

The proposal has changed in response to the discussion at these hearings. The Atwood House will not be demolished, but will remain. There has been a great deal of discussion about using the house as a multi-family residence. However, at this time, there is no specific proposal for the use of the Atwood House. The applicant has indicated that it wishes to complete the permitting of the CVS drugstore, and will return to modify the special permit when the use of the Atwood House is determined. The proposed site plan includes the Atwood House, parking spaces that are dedicated to it, and space for an addition to the rear of the structure.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Section 10.11a-1 The uses requested are listed in the Table of Use Regulations as a Special Permit in the district for which application is made or is so designated elsewhere in this Bylaw.

The applicant seeks a special permit to operate a retail store having more than 3,000 square feet of gross floor area. The use, number 6.16 in the Table of Use Regulations (Section 5.04 of the Zoning Bylaw), is a special permit use in the B4 zoning district. The fact that the proposed development also requires a building permit and is located on Massachusetts Avenue means that the special permit is subject to environmental design review (Section 11.06 of the Zoning Bylaw). The applicant also seeks special permits for signs under Section 7.09, and for parking and loading space standards under Section 8.12 of the Zoning Bylaw. The proposal includes two drive-thru pharmacy

windows, which the Inspector of Buildings has said can be permitted special permit under accessory use number 8.17. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

Section 10.11a-2 The requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.

The town is now served by four large drugstores (two of which are CVS, one of which does not have a pharmacy) and two additional pharmacies. The proposed use of the site will establish the fifth large drugstore in Arlington (and the third CVS store) and the sixth pharmacy. The proposed store will be the only pharmacy with a drive-thru. Public input at the public hearing has been mixed, but some clearly want a convenient, large drugstore with a drive-thru pharmacy. The Board finds that the proposed use is desirable to the public convenience or welfare.

Section 10.11a-3 The requested use will not create undue traffic congestion, or unduly impair pedestrian safety.

The applicant submitted a traffic impact report, and then modified it several times to include the impact of the project on pedestrians, the impacts when the abutting high school is in session, the repositioning of the retail store, and the preservation of the Atwood House. At each step of the way, the Board's traffic consultant has reviewed the reports. The Town's Transportation Advisory Committee has also reviewed the traffic impact studies and made recommendations to the Board.

The following is the sequence of documents regarding traffic impacts:

- 1. Traffic Impact Study by GEOD (for CVS), August 18, 2008
- 2. Traffic Impact Study by GEOD (for CVS), November 17, 2008 This study reflected an altered site plan because CVS had arranged to control more of the property and proposed to demolish the Atwood House and add more parking and an ATM on the site.
- 3. Memo from BSC Group (ARB's consultant), December 4, 2008 This memo asked for clarification of parts of the proposal and asked for some technical corrections.
- 4. Revised Traffic Impact Study by GEOD (for CVS), January 19, 2009 This study responded to comments from BSC and those made at the December 22 hearing. It also reflected a second change to the site plan: the Atwood house is to remain and put to a new use (as yet undetermined). It also recommended a new crosswalk near Carey Drive and improvements that could be made to the Jason and Mill Streets intersection.
- 5. Comments by Jeff Maxtutis (TAC), January 19, 2009 The comments asked for minor changes in the impact analysis.
- 6. Memo from BSC Group (ARB's consultant), January 22, 2009 The memo expressed general agreement with the responses in the January 19 report and suggested some refinements.
- 7. Memo from GEOD regarding pedestrian movements, February 4, 2009 This report provided more detail about pedestrian movements and studied alternative crosswalk locations.
- 8. Comments by Jeff Maxtutis (TAC), February 6, 2009 These comments evaluated the proposed improvements to the Jason and Mill Streets intersection and the proposed crosswalk. It also expressed concern about the site entrance and exit being close to Carey Drive.
- 9. Memo from GEOD summarizing comments, February 20, 2009 This memo summarized the recent months' studies, comments, and responses.
- 10. Memo from TAC, February 26, 2009 This memo indicated general satisfaction with the impact studies and the changes made to the project. It listed items it still thought were

- unresolved: 1) the proximity of the access to Carey Drive, 2) the need for bump-outs at Bartlett Street, 3) the need for bump-outs at the new crosswalk near Carey Drive, and 4) a commitment to make improvements to the Jason and Mill Streets intersection.
- 11. Email from Chris Emelius (GEOD), March 4, 2009 Clarified distance from Carey Drive to proposed site entrance.
- 12. Local CVS traffic counts by Ed Starr (TAC), March 5, 2009 Counts of pedestrians and vehicles were made at Walgreens in East Arlington for comparison purposes.
- 13. Memo from BSC Group. March 5, 2009 This memo concurred with the new crosswalk location and recommended bump-outs. It also made a number of recommendations regarding circulation on the site (parking, drive-thru, delivery).
- 14. Local traffic counts (various) from Ed Starr (TAC), March 9, 2009 Additional local counts for comparison purposes.
- 15. Hours of operation, local drug stores, by E. Carr-Jones (TAC), March 10, 2009 Hours of operation of local drug stores for comparison purposes.
- 16. Report on meeting with TAC by Bruce Fitzsimmons (ARB), March 12, 2009 TAC was pleased with bump-outs, thought \$5,000 offer to mitigate Jason and Mill Streets intersection was too low, offered compromise on site entrance location, and expressed concern over the trip generation numbers.
- 17. Memo from BSC Group. March 20, 2009 This essentially endorsed the TAC comments of March 12.
- 18. Memo from TAC, March 23, 2009 Reiteration of concerns and proposal of \$50,000 mitigation fund for unforeseen traffic impacts.
- 19. Memo from GEOD, March 26, 2009 This is a discussion of TAC and BSC concerns, and acceptance of the crosswalk bump-outs, and of the site entrance drive 113 feet from Carey Drive.
- 20. Memo from TAC, March 30, 2009 This is a defense of TAC's March 23rd memo.
- 21. Email from Sam Offei-Addo (BSC Group), April 2, 2009 This listed recommended improvements to signage and traffic lines on the site and at one of the bump-outs.
- 22. Questions on the Permitting Process for the Proposed CVS Pharmacy at 837 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington Citizens for Responsible Development, April 6, 2009 by David Wright This paper expressed concern about the intersection at Jason and Mill Streets, traffic congestion at the high school, the validity of pedestrian counts, traffic generation figures, and traffic impacts on neighboring streets.
- 23. Traffic and Safety issues Relating to the CVS Special Permit Application, Arlington Citizens for Responsible Development, April 6, 2009 by Dorothy Nash Webber This paper made comparison of the proposal to the Osco proposal, which was denied some ten years earlier, and reiterated the concerns made in David Wright's paper, above.

The Board considered the traffic safety issues very carefully and asked its traffic consultant and TAC to do likewise. The trip generation numbers were discussed in great detail, with general agreement on the PM numbers and the feeling that the AM numbers may be low. The effects of the traffic on intersection performance were assessed using the PM numbers which corresponded to the TAC's AM counts. The Board therefore felt it had adequate indication of the impacts. Because of the potential impacts at the site entrance, the Board felt compelled to create the ability through an escrow fund to mitigate unexpected vehicle activity near the site. Should mitigation near the site not be deemed necessary, the escrow may be used at the Jason and Mill Streets intersection, which is expected to require mitigation regardless of whether or not the CVS is built.

As a result of the discussions about pedestrian safety and traffic congestion, the applicant has moved the driveway away from Carey Drive to lessen the impact on pedestrians and vehicles entering the high school, and will install a new crosswalk between Carey Drive and the CVS driveway, and will install crosswalk bump-outs on Mass. Ave. at that crosswalk and at Bartlett Avenue. The bump-outs will shorten the crossing distance, and help prevent illegal parking in the crosswalk. The applicant has agreed to contribute funds to help mitigate the impact of increased traffic along Mass. Ave., including at the Jason Street and Mill Street intersection. Based on the data and reports submitted by the applicant's consultant, as revised, and the materials and comments submitted by the Board's consultant and TAC, the mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant as part of this special permit, and the funding of future mitigation measures as required, the Board finds that this standard is met.

Section 10.11a-4 The requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or in any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety, or the general welfare.

The impact of the proposed development on public water and sewer will be minimal, but the Town Engineer has given the applicant instructions for making such connections. The applicant has submitted a very detailed stormwater management plan. The stormwater management plan has been revised to conform to the significant changes that have been made in the site plan, but the system remains essentially the same, with most of the stormwater filtered through a large rain garden at the rear of the site. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

Section 10.11a-5 Any special regulations for the use, set forth in Article 11 are fulfilled. The environmental design review standards of Section 11.06 are evaluated below.

<u>EDR-1 Preservation of Landscape</u>: The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soil removal and any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas.

The current site is covered almost entirely by building or paving. There is some lawn area in front and to the right of the Atwood House, and minimal other landscaping. With the Atwood House remaining on the site, it is possible to preserve a 22-inch-diameter pine tree in its front yard. The northern side of the lot slopes steeply down, and is covered with scrub growth, including trees. The proposed development will retain most of the treed area to the north, and introduce significantly more landscaping on the remaining three sides, as well as some landscaped areas within the parking lot. Besides that mentioned above, there is no existing landscaping to be preserved; the site is either paved or covered by building. The proposed plan will replace some of the impermeable surface with landscape, and the total landscaped area exceeds the amount required by the Zoning Bylaw. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

EDR-2 Relation of the Building to the Environment: Proposed development shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and to the use, scale and architecture of the existing buildings in the vicinity that have functional or visible relationship to the proposed buildings. The Arlington Redevelopment Board may require a modification in massing so as to reduce the effect of shadows on the abutting property in an R-1 or R-2 district or on public open space.

The current proposal is much improved from the original application. The proposed store building has been moved up to the front of the lot, consistent with business uses along Mass. Ave. The Atwood House is to remain. It is important that the current design retains the Atwood House in its

current location on the site, and accommodates the possible future expansion at the rear of the structure. The Atwood House, and the current design of the CVS building itself, present an appropriate streetscape for Mass. Ave. in this area. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-3</u> Open Space: All open space (landscaped and usable) shall be so designed as to add to the visual amenities of the vicinity by maximizing its visibility for persons passing by the site or overlooking it from nearby properties. The location and configuration of usable open space shall be so designed as to encourage social interaction, maximize its utility and facilitate maintenance.

The open space provided on the site is appropriately and attractively landscaped, and exceeds the amount of landscaped space required by the Zoning Bylaw. The changes to the parking lot configuration result in the proposal meeting the required open space within the parking lot. In addition, the applicant has agreed to provide landscaping between the setback at the front of the new building and the sidewalk. The spaces will be attractively planted and placed to provide a pleasant view or screening as needed. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-4 Circulation</u>: With respect to vehicular and pedestrian and bicycle circulation, including entrances, ramps, walkways, drives, and parking, special attention shall be given to location and number of access points to the public streets (especially in relation to existing traffic controls and mass transit facilities), width of interior drives and access points, general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, access to community facilities, and arrangement of vehicle parking and bicycle parking areas, including bicycle parking spaces required by Section 8.13 that are safe and convenient and, insofar as practicable, do not detract from the use and enjoyment of proposed buildings and structures, and the neighboring properties.

The traffic circulation on the site is designed to accommodate large delivery trucks and the pharmacy drive-thru, and to provide parking for customers. The evolution of the site plan is such that the current proposal meets the standard. Some minor changes to the directional signage have been suggested. There is bike parking provided near the store entrance, and extensive changes involving a crosswalk; and curb bump-outs are proposed near the vehicle entrance to the site, helping to protect pedestrian traffic.

EDR-5 Surface Water Drainage: Special attention shall be given to proper site surface drainage so that removal of surface waters will not adversely affect neighboring properties or the public storm drainage system. Available Best Management Practices for the site should be employed, and include site planning to minimize impervious surface and reduce clearing and re-grading. Best Management Practices may include erosion control and stormwater treatment by means of swales, filters, plantings, roof gardens, native vegetation, and leaching catchbasins. Stormwater should be treated at least minimally on the development site; that which cannot be handled on site shall be removed from all roofs, canopies, paved and pooling areas and carried away in an underground drainage system. Surface water in all paved areas shall be collected in intervals so that it will not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and will not create puddles in the paved areas.

In accordance with Section 10.11.b, the Board may require from any applicant, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, security satisfactory to the Board to insure the maintenance of all stormwater facilities, such as catch basins, leaching catch basins,

detention basins, swales, etc., within the site. The Board may use funds provided by such security to conduct maintenance that the applicant fails to do.

The Board may adjust in its sole discretion the amount and type of financial security such that it is satisfied that the amount is sufficient to provide for any future maintenance needs. The applicant has submitted a very detailed stormwater management plan, which was revised to match the current plan. It has been reviewed by the Town Engineer, and the applicant has responded to the comments. The storm drain system discharges storm flow in the same location as the flow is directed today. The permeable surface on the site has been reduced, and the system includes an underground detention and infiltration chamber and a rain garden to reduce, clean, and slow the flow of storm water. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

EDR-6 Utilities Service: Electric, telephone, cable, TV, and other such lines and equipment shall be underground. The proposed method of sanitary sewage disposal and solid waste disposal from all buildings shall be indicated.

The plans indicate adequate underground utility connections; they also show the location of an electric transformer in a landscaped island in the parking lot. The Town Engineer made some modifications to the plans relative to the hook-ups in Mass. Ave. The applicant has moved the transformer location to a less visible location. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-7 Advertising Features:</u> The size, location, design, color, texture, lighting, and materials of all permanent signs and outdoor advertising structures or features shall not detract from the use and enjoyment of proposed buildings and structures and the surrounding properties.

The main signage on the building consists of two wall signs, one facing Mass. Ave., and one facing the parking lot on the west side of the building. The two signs meet the bylaw standards. Several signs are located within the parking lot area to direct traffic. These signs exceed the one-square-foot area that is allowed. The directional signs are helpful and important in helping vehicles navigate a fairly complicated parking lot. The signs are slightly larger than three square feet each, and the Board has determined that the larger size is in the public interest, and is allowed by special permit. Other directional signs are posted on, and identify, the pharmacy drive-thru. These also are larger than one square foot, and the Board has determined that they are allowed by special permit.

<u>EDR-8 Special Features:</u> Exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures, and similar accessory areas and structures shall be subject to such setbacks, screen plantings, or other screening methods as shall reasonably be required to prevent their being incongruous with the existing or contemplated environment and the surrounding properties.

The proposal includes two dumpsters at the rear of the parking lot, which are visible from the street. The sides of the dumpster are screened by plantings, and the front is stockade fence. Planting has been sited to the rear of the Atwood House to effectively screen the dumpster area from the street and from the Atwood House. There is a large electrical transformer in a landscaped island in the parking lot. It was moved to a less visible location, and is appropriately screened with vegetation. The proposal locates rooftop HVAC and refrigeration units behind the screen of the slanted roof surfaces; this equipment will not be visible from the ground. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-9 Safety:</u> With respect to personal safety, all open and enclosed spaces shall be designed to facilitate building evacuation and maximize accessibility by fire, police, and other emergency personnel and equipment. Insofar as practicable, all exterior spaces and interior public and semi-public spaces shall be so designed to minimize the fear and probability of personal harm or injury by increasing the potential surveillance by neighboring residents and passersby of any accident or attempted criminal act.

The plan appears to be generally safe, with all accessible spaces open to the public view. The parking lot is well lighted to serve the parking lot users well. The Board requested reduced lighting on the Atwood House side of the proposed building; the plan calls for some light in this area for safety. The source of lighting on the site will not be visible from off the site. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-10 Heritage</u>: With respect to Arlington's heritage, removal or disruption of historic, traditional, or significant uses, structures or architectural elements shall be minimized insofar as practical, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.

The site has no historical structure, and the site has no historical significance. Before it became an auto dealership, there were three or four houses on the site, including the Atwood House, which remains today. The Atwood House is listed as a significant building under Arlington Town Bylaws, as is the Baptist Church next door. The applicant has stated that the Atwood House will be retained on the site, and the proposed plan reflects that. Any addition or modification of the Atwood House would have to respect Town bylaws regarding significant structures. Any modification of the Atwood House will require an amendment of this special permit. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

<u>EDR-11 Microclimate:</u> With respect to the localized climatic characteristics of a given area, any development which proposes new structures, new hard surface, ground coverage, or the installation of machinery which emits heat, vapor, or fumes, shall endeavor to minimize, insofar as practicable, any adverse impacts on light, air, and water resources, or on noise and temperature levels of the immediate environment.

The proposal will reduce the amount of impermeable area on the site. The HVAC and refrigeration equipment are located on the roof of the CVS building in a well, behind slanted roofs on all four sides. The site is large relative to the amount of equipment, and the heat, light, vapor, or fumes will not be detectable. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

EDR-12 Sustainable Building and Site Design: Projects are encouraged to incorporate best practices related to sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Applicants must submit a current Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) checklist, appropriate to the type of development, annotated with narrative description that indicates how the LEED performance objectives will be incorporated into the project.

The applicant has submitted the LEED checklist, and the narrative required by this standard. The plan shows the methods to control soil erosion and sedimentation of storm sewers. The plan increases the amount of permeable surface, and exceeds the Town's open space requirement. The planned lighting is designed to prevent up lighting, and to minimize light trespassing onto abutting properties. Low-flow toilet fixtures will be used, and the performance of the proposed energy systems in the building has been optimized.

The project site has certain characteristics that help make it sustainable. The project uses an already-built site with existing infrastructure, and is accessible to public transportation. The developer has provided a landscaped rain garden and bio-retention area at the rear of the site to help reduce water runoff. The applicant considered permeable paving for portions of the parking lot, but it was determined that the potential pollutant load created by a commercial parking lot made such paving environmentally unfriendly. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

Section 10.11a-6 The requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health, morals, or welfare.

The retail drugstore use located right next to the high school is convenient for students; school officials have endorsed the use. The site is zoned for commercial use, and has been used in that manner for many decades. The retention of the Atwood House and the siting of the CVS building near the sidewalk have improved the presence the development makes on the avenue. The store obviously provides a convenience to consumers, and is more of a community use than the auto dealership that existed there for decades. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

Section 10.11a-7 The requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of that particular use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.

As pointed out above, there are several pharmacies and drug stores in Arlington, but few near the site of the proposed CVS. The nearest is a small pharmacy located in a Stop & Shop supermarket 2/10 of a mile away. The nearest comparable store (a Walgreens east of Arlington Center) is almost 9/10 of a mile away; a Walgreens in Arlington Heights is 1.5 miles away; and the CVS in East Arlington is 1.6 miles away. In addition, the proposed development improves upon the character of the neighborhood by replacing a closed auto dealership. The building design has been changed to be much more in keeping with the appearance of the neighborhood. The site is appropriate for retail use. The Board finds that the proposal meets this standard.

DECISION

The Board finds that the proposal is an appropriate re-use of the property, and grants the following special permits, subject to the following general and special conditions:

Uses 6.16 and 8.17 from the Table of Use Regulations (Sect. 5.04 of the Zoning Bylaw); special permit for signs (Sect. 7.09 of the Zoning Bylaw); and, special permit for parking (Sect. 8.12 of the Zoning Bylaw).

General Conditions

1. The final plans and specifications for the site, including all buildings, signs, exterior lighting, and landscaping, shall be subject to the approval of the Arlington Redevelopment Board. The Board shall maintain its jurisdiction over plans and specifications by approving them at 50% and 100% of completion.

At the time of submission of the 50% drawings, the applicant shall submit for approval samples of exterior materials proposed for the building, and the specifics of the location, type, and noise levels of all HVAC and refrigeration machinery.

Final plans and specifications shall include complete information concerning colors, materials, lighting, and other features that comprise the details of the final design. The applicant shall provide a statement from the Town Engineer that all proposed utility services have adequate capacity to serve the development.

- 2. The final plans and specifications approved by the Board for this permit shall be the final plans and specifications submitted to the Building Inspector of the Town of Arlington in connection with the application for building permits. There shall be no substantial or material deviation during construction from the approved plans and specifications without the express written approval of the Arlington Redevelopment Board.
- 3. No building permit shall be issued until the Board has received evidence that the special permit has been recorded at the registry of deeds.
- 4. The Board maintains continuing jurisdiction over this permit, and may, after a duly advertised public hearing, attach other conditions, including, but not limited to, restricting the store opening hours, or it may modify these conditions as it deems reasonably appropriate to protect the public interest and welfare. Such modifications shall not require the applicant to modify the size or dimensions of the retail building shown on the approved plan, nor restrict the opening hour to any time later than 8:00 AM.
- 5. Snow removal from all parts of the site, as well as from any abutting public sidewalks, shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupant, and shall be accomplished in accordance with the Town bylaws.
- 6. All exterior trash and storage areas on the property, if any, shall be properly screened and maintained in accordance with Title V, Article 9, of the Bylaws of the Town of Arlington.
- 7. Trash shall be picked up only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- 8. No final or permanent Certificate of Occupancy shall issue on this project until the project is completed in its final form, and approved by the Redevelopment Board as being in compliance with the final plans and specifications, including the landscape plan.
- 9. The Building Inspector is hereby notified that he is to monitor the site, and should proceed with appropriate enforcement procedures at any time he determines that violations are present. The Inspector of Buildings shall proceed under Section 10.09 of the Zoning Bylaw, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 40, s. 21D, and institute non-criminal complaints. If necessary, the Inspector of Buildings may institute appropriate criminal action also, in accordance with Section 10.09.

Special Conditions

- 1. All utilities serving or traversing the site (including electric, telephone, cable, and other such lines and equipment) shall be underground.
- 2. Upon installation of landscaping materials and other site improvements, the applicant shall remain responsible for such materials and improvement, and shall replace and repair such as necessary, to remain in compliance with the approved site plan.

- 3. All utility work off site in public rights-of-way of the Town of Arlington shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Town bylaws.
- 4. Upon the issuance of the building permit, the applicant shall file with the Building Inspector and the Department of Community Safety the names and telephone numbers of contact personnel who may be reached 24 hours each day during the construction period.
- 5. The Atwood House shall remain at its present location on the site, and reasonable and diligent efforts shall be used to maintain its present condition to prevent any damage from the elements or otherwise, until it is redeveloped. It is acknowledged that ten parking spaces behind the Atwood House are reserved for its use. It is further acknowledged that the plan of the site leaves space behind the Atwood House to accommodate a possible future expansion of the structure, and that no use of that portion of the site will preclude such an expansion. Redevelopment of the house will require the amendment of this special permit, regardless of whether the proposed use of the structure is allowed by right or by special permit (as such are listed in the Arlington Zoning Bylaw). No requests to move or demolish the house by amending this special permit will be made within 24 months of the date of issuance of this permit.
- 6. The applicant shall install bump-outs and thermo-plastic crosswalks on Mass. Ave. at Carey Drive and at Bartlett Avenue. Bump-outs shall be installed on both sides of Mass. Ave. The design and construction of the bump-outs and crosswalks shall be approved by the Town Engineer, and shall take into account drainage at those locations.
- 7. Post construction monitoring: The Town will measure traffic volume at the CVS driveway six months, and again twelve months, after the opening of the CVS, and when school is in session, to compare with the analyzed volume data. Driveway traffic volumes will be recorded during the weekday AM (7-9 AM) and PM (4-6 PM) peak periods. Based upon this data, and the safety and performance of the area at least 6 months after opening, the Town will decide what, if any, mitigation is needed on roadways near the site. Possible mitigation may include addition of a left turn lane, or other measures, to improve safety and operations along Mass. Ave. between Carey Drive and the intersection of Jason and Mill Streets, at the Town's discretion. The funding for the mitigation shall be paid from the traffic mitigation escrow account referred to in Condition No. 8 below.
- 8. CVS will contribute the total sum of \$50,000 to a traffic mitigation escrow account, prior to receipt of an occupancy permit. These funds would first be used for mitigations around the site if it were determined during post-construction monitoring that further mitigation is needed. If it is not needed at the site, it may also be used as a contribution toward improvements at Jason/Mass/Mill Streets. Said escrow account will be closed, and unspent monies returned to CVS, five years after the date of the occupancy permit. All disbursements from the CVS escrow account will be subject to the approval of the ARB.
- 9. Prior to receiving a building permit, the applicant shall submit to the ARB for its review a plan for reduction of energy use, including use of energy-efficient lighting and appliances, to be incorporated into the plans and specifications.

- 10. Changes to signage, such as wording, color, or material of construction, but not changes in the number, location, or size of signs, may be deemed by the Planning Director to be consistent with the existing special permit, and such changes may be made by sign permit.
- 11. In accordance with Standard EDR-5, the applicant is required to post a bond in the amount of \$1,500 as security that the storm drain system will be maintained in good working order. The ARB may use the funds to conduct cleaning and maintenance of the system if the applicant fails to do so. Town personnel, or the Town's agents, may enter upon the property to perform such cleaning and maintenance.
- 12. This permit is contingent upon the applicant receiving an Order of Conditions from the Arlington Conservation Commission for the project essentially as approved by the Arlington Redevelopment Board.
- 13. The drive-thru pharmacy shall be open only between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM, and only when the main store is open, and only pharmacy and pharmacy-related items (but not general merchandise) may be sold through the drive-thru window. Bicyclists will be allowed to use the drive-thru pharmacy, and "No Idling" signs will be posted for vehicles using the drive-thru. Pedestrian walkup business will not be allowed.
- 14. Aside from the shutters described in the approved plans, first floor windows shall not be covered or obscured in any way that prevents a clear view into the store, without the prior written permission of the ARB. No film, paper, or other material, including advertisements, may be used to cover any windows.
- 15. The applicant shall maintain a clean site at all times, and the landscaped area on the north side of the site, extending down the hill to the property below, shall be cleaned at least once in the spring and once in the fall. Litter and fallen branches and such shall be removed, and trees and shrubs shall be pruned as necessary.